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Ms. Margaret Parlor President National ME/FM Action Network 512–33 Banner Road Ottawa ON K2H 8V7

Dear Ms. Parlor:

Thank you for your letter of congratulations with respect to my recent appointment as Minister of Employment and Social Development.

I welcome the responsibilities of my new portfolio, including helping ensure that Canadians are well-prepared to participate fully in the labour market and barriers to skills training are removed, that they have retirement security, and that they are provided with a hand-up when in need.

Your thoughtfulness in taking the time to write is much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

Hon Jason Kenney, PC, MP

Minister of Employment and Social Development and

Minister for Multiculturalism

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